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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 2, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, line 11, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, line 22, insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, line 6, insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 12, line 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of selecting a background image from an image database, said background image matching said theme and inserting said background image as a background in a second display area on said display are performed at least two times during the broadcast of said television programming.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said image database is residing in a memory device associated with said multimedia apparatus.
5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said image database is residing on the Internet.
6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
downloading said image database via the multiplexed broadcast stream containing said broadcast video signal.

Please add new claims 20-23 as follows:

- 20. The method of claim 2, wherein the steps of selecting a background image from an image database, said background image matching said theme and inserting said

background image as a background in a second display area on said display are performed at least two times during the broadcast of said television programming.

21. The method of claim 2, wherein said image database is residing in a memory device associated with said multimedia apparatus.

22. The method of claim 2, wherein said image database is residing on the Internet.

23. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
downloading said image database via the multiplexed broadcast stream containing said broadcast video signal. --

REMARKS

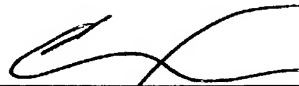
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The attached page is captioned “**Version with markings to show changes made**”.

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 12, line 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the steps of selecting a background image from an image database, said background image matching said theme and inserting said background image as a background in a second display area on said display are performed at least two times during the broadcast of said television programming.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said image database is residing in a memory device associated with said multimedia apparatus.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said image database is residing on the Internet.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, further comprising the step of:
downloading said image database via the multiplexed broadcast stream
containing said broadcast video signal.